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## Martin Luther King Jr. sculpture attracts community

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Staff writer

Martin Luther King III – son of the famous civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner, Martin Luther King Jr. – lifted spirits under a dreary sky in downtown Omaha Saturday as he unveiled a 2,000-pound bronze statue of his father.

King was the honored speaker at the event, which marked the culmination of a yearlong endeavor by Mayor Mike Fahey and sculptor Littleton Alston.

In a voice a bit more restrained and less booming than his father's, King captivated listeners with a speech hardly less poignant. He reminded those listening that America is a nation with great potential but also a nation losing sight of its critical values, such as diplomacy, cooperation, peacefulness and forgiveness.

"If Martin Luther King Jr. were here, I believe he would have to say something about the war on terrorism...he'd probably say that we'd never be able to address the issue of terrorism by terrorizing others," King said.

The 9-foot-tall statue, is named "Rev.



photo by Chris Muchian

Many people came to view the newly-unveiled statue of Martin Luther King, Jr. in downtown Omaha.

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## Ryan Krause heads to San Diego to star in NFL

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The San Diego Chargers had the first pick in the National Football League college draft this weekend. They used it to pick Eli Manning — and later traded him. It was a sixth-round pick, however, that had UNO fans excited. With the 169<sup>th</sup> pick of the draft, the Chargers took Ryan Krause, the Mavericks' star wide receiver.

According to www.NFL.com's profile, Krause has a tremendous upside. His size and physicality may make him a halfback in the NFL. The Millard North graduate has rare size at 6-foot-2 and 244 pounds, with a muscular lower body.

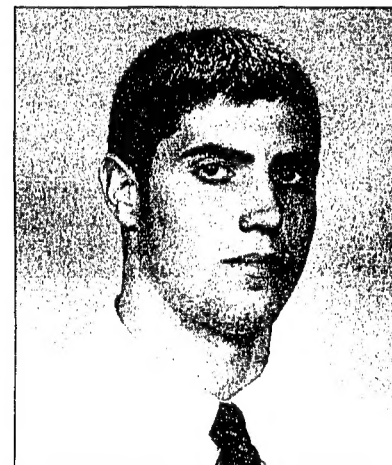
Krause is the type of receiver the Chargers need now that David Boston has signed with the Miami Dolphins.

While he does lack blazing speed — a time of 4.64 in the 40-yard dash — Krause makes up for it in other areas.

As a four-year starter for the Mavericks, Krause helped change the offense from a run-dominated attack to one that suited his skills. His ability to block downfield helped Justin Kammrad set rushing records and finish as a Harlan Hill Award

(Division II's player of the year) finalist. His blocking skills, and the ability to shed defenders physically may also allow him to become a tight end.

With a depleted Charger roster, Krause will have the opportunity to get playing time as a rookie.



courtesy photo

Ryan Krause

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## Forum participants discuss ways to ease eurocentrism in U.S. education

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Increasing teacher diversity and multicultural education were among the key recommendations during a discussion held Thursday at the University of Nebraska at Omaha about eurocentrism in schools in the United States.

"From the Eyes of an Asian and an African-American Woman: Eurocentric Hegemony in K-16 Education and its Consequences on our Quest for Empowerment" was presented by UNO students Rachel Endo, who is also director of the American Multicultural Student Agency, and UNO student Marquita Govan.

The presentation, in which an active and diverse audience of more than a dozen quickly turned into a lively discussion, was part of this year's "Color Me Human" Diversity Week.

Endo, a Japanese-American, and Govan, who is black, started the hour-long presentation by talking about the experiences and stereotypes they faced growing up in the United States.

Govan and Endo said they noticed early on that most courses on history and literature that they had in elementary or high school were taught from a eurocentric point of view. Even multicultural classes such as World Civilizations are often taught from a eurocentric perspective, Govan said.

Eurocentrism is defined as being centered or focused on Europe or European peoples, especially in relation to historical or cultural influence.

"When I looked through my textbooks, all I saw was someone that wasn't me," Endo said. "I wanted to be white. I wanted to have blonde hair and blue eyes."

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## Charles Moose concludes final 2003-04 ABC Breakfast Series

JASON FRANCE  
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When retired Montgomery County (Md.) Police Chief Charles Moose was in Omaha to speak at the final 2003-04 ABC Breakfast series on April 22, most people assumed he was there to speak about the serial snipers that killed 10 people in the Washington D.C., Virginia and Maryland areas in 2002. But he wasn't.

The topic of Moose's speech was "Leadership in Crisis." That topic makes sense, considering he was the main figurehead over a joint effort involving the state and local police forces, the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and even some military during the October 2002 manhunt for the snipers.

Moose's lecture dealt mainly with three points of leadership in crisis, which included asking for help, using technology to assist your people and commitment. Other key points were dealing with the media and working as a team.

"Let various members of the team do what they do best," Moose said. "The outside help came not to take over but to provide whatever assistance they could."

The help was not just from other law enforcement agencies. Parents, teachers and business owners all contributed in some way during the perilous time in October. The Montgomery County School District had the highest teacher attendance in its history during

those three weeks. And once the first child became a victim, more than 2,000 people showed up at the area schools to act as crossing guards and safety officers. In fact, Moose said one success story that stuck out in his mind is when he saw a Montgomery County Homicide Detective, an ATF agent and an FBI agent having lunch together and not fighting.

"I am all for technology, but give me people," Moose said. "I believe that the technology that is out there today should be used to assist the human team."

At the time, the newly developed Department of Defense Northern Command considered this their first mission.

"At one point someone asked me, 'What do you need from us?'" Moose said. "I was completely ignorant to the technological resources that were available. So, I let them go with it."

Commitment, as defined by Moose is, "No Duty to retreat," something he says that his time as a Major in the Virginia National Guard taught him. Commitment also means staying dedicated to the goal. It also means commitment to the people.

"A manhunt of this magnitude costs a lot of money," Moose said. "When I turned in the expense report when it was all done, one of the things that caused a lot of surprise was the amount of money we spent on food."

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## Student Government develops election commission during last meeting of the spring semester

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Student Government's last meeting of the semester resulted in the creation of a new commission, agency appointments and a student-rate fee increase.

For the first time, UNO has an election commission. In the past, student court handled all student election grievances, big or small. The election commission will now act as a grievance filter.

To avoid biases, no more than two people from any organization is allowed to serve on the commission. Students serving positions in certain agencies are also restricted from serving on the election commission.

Students serving on the election commission for the next Student Government election are Ryan Nelson, Kyle Lammers, Sarah Hurt, Justin Kassube, and Joshua Wiechman.

In addition, all agency positions are now filled. Chief Administrative Officer Jessica Vindik's pride and excitement was evident as she presented her appointees for the necessary positions.

"I am confident that we have a very diverse and powerful group for the next year," she said. "They're outstanding."

The positions were filled as followed:

**American Multicultural Students:**

Director - Rachel Endo

Assistant Director - Robin Quarles

**International Student Services:**

Director - Deborah Mulvenna

Assistant Director - Dozie Cyprian

**Network for disAbled Students:**

Director - Meghan Spence

Assistant Director - Yohanes Tot

**Women's Resource Center:**

Director - Kimberly Gallion-Exum

Assistant Director - Candi Scott

"They show a lot of focused, positive visions for the upcoming year," Vindik said in regards to the appointees.

The new Traffic Appeals Commission Chief Justice is freshman Erica Fish. The justices are Dawn Jones, Chelsea Majerus, Megan Tracy, and Andrew Weeks.

The new Arts and Sciences Senator is Katrina Kersch.

For the fall semester, students will notice a small increase in the flat fees they pay per credit hour next year. An increase

of 80 cents per credit hour will be used for athletics and health services. An allotment of 50 cents will go to athletics and 30 cents for health services. The increase allows students to attend certain sports events, like hockey games, for little to no cost.

Student President/Regent Jono Croskey emphasized that this is the first time in three years that there has been an increase in the \$50 flat fee that students pay. According to Croskey, the fee increase is still less than UNL's increase. It will average out to \$9.60 extra per semester, assuming 12 credit hours.

Senators also voted unanimously to accept the 60-page document that amended Student Government by-laws. The new by-laws defined each agency position, allowed for the creation of the election commission and outlined the duties of traffic appeals court.

In other business, the senate voted for the purchase of two new computers and a new color copier for the student government office. They also passed a letter of statement commending campus photographer Tom Fitzgerald for his hard work and dedication.

## UNO Aviation Institute honors

The following faculty members and students were presented with awards and scholarships during the Aviation Institute Honors Convocation held April 11 at the University of Nebraska at Omaha:

**Otto F. Bauer Distinguished Service Award**  
Robert Danenhauer, UNO Athletic Director

**Frank E. Sorenson Award for Pioneering Achievement in Nebraska Aviation Education**  
Denny Acheson, Aviation Institute Faculty

**Aviation Student of the Year**  
James Pate, Omaha, Neb.

**Chris A. Hawks Memorial Scholarship**  
Richard Buesing, Bellevue, Neb.

**David L. LaMar Memorial Scholarship**  
Jeffrey Stock, Omaha, Neb.

**Donald L. Smithey Scholarship in Aviation Administration**  
Nicholas Smay, Essex, Iowa.

**Durham Outstanding Graduate Scholar**  
Bassel El-Kasaby, Omaha, Neb.

**Durham Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar**  
Ryan McGrail, Papillion, Neb.

**Golf Classic Scholarship Honoring Southwest Airlines**  
Leigh Hedrick, Omaha, Neb.

**Lois Durham Women in Aviation Scholarship**  
Kailey Dwyer, Omaha, Neb.

**Patrick D. Chambers Memorial Scholarship**  
Brian Hassler, Omaha, Neb.

**Rosita and Robert E. Wolsmann, Sr. Scholarship**  
Joseph Merten, Hastings, Neb.

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Moose said many of the people who were involved in the manhunt came from out of the area and were unfamiliar with restaurants. "Instead of them having to get in their cars and find a place, eat and come back, we brought it to them," he said. "It's all about focus and taking care of your people."

And who put Moose in the spotlight during his time of crisis? The media. Moose said that the role of the media is often misconstrued.

"The media can only tell a story based on the information they are

provided. We as leaders need to do a better job about being honest with the media," he said. "If we give them broken or untrue information, then that is what they are going to communicate to the people as truth." During the recent Ohio sniper case, the media wanted Moose to critique the job of the Ohio law enforcement and was even asked to help in the investigation. Though he did have minimal involvement in the case, Moose said, "Every case is different and therefore is going to be handled different. I didn't see it necessary to lend my opinion because it was probably going to be wrong. They weren't dealing with the

same people as we were."

Moose said that the toughest day during those three weeks in October 2002 was the day he had to write the letter to the FBI declaring the case as a serial murder case. "As a leader you always worry about what is going to happen when you have to involve outside help," he said. "I was so happy to see that when the FBI showed up, they were only interested in making the whole operation work as a team." And when asked what lesson he learned as a result of the events he simply answered, "Tomorrow is not promised to any of us. Strive to maximize life today."

## from FORUM, page 1

Participants agreed that people of color as well as Caucasian Americans would benefit from having more diversity in the classroom, especially in the selection of teachers.

Minority teachers can have an important impact on the lives of minority students, said Becky Schnabel, coordinator for Student Services.

Schnabel said UNO's College of Education is trying to recruit more teachers of color because "it's very hard" to get minority students to be open toward Caucasian instructors.

Helen Fountain, an education specialist in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said the lack of trust is not an issue of skin color. In fact, she said, "it facilitates learning when you don't have to bridge a

culture gap first."

Schnabel said, "It's who we are as people that's important."

Once people make an effort to get to know one another, she said they might discover they have many things in common, even if it's not their skin color.

Audience members suggested several solutions to ease the eurocentric focus in American schools. The key, they agreed, was embedding cultural education in the normal curriculum for every student.

"I think we can take what we have and give it some more layers," Schnabel said.

Fountain said that instead of offering special courses, multiculturalism should be built into regular classes such as English, literature and speech.

visit the area were unaware of it.

The statue would be a highly visible addition to the plaza, and Fahey said it reinforces the equity of Dr. King's work and words that has not yet been fully achieved.

Martin Luther King III spoke for about 30 minutes and prefaced his speech with the reminder that, although he comes from a family of Baptist preachers, he is not a preacher. But at the conclusion of King's oration, which energized the crowd of white and black people, the emcee, Rev. Thomas Smith of Paradise Baptist Church, rebuffed King's claim.

"Certainly you missed your calling," Smith remarked.

Perhaps the most compelling lesson King offered Saturday was that of forgiveness and love in the face of violent conflict.

"My father was killed by a white man. My grandmother was killed by a black man. So it would have been easy to dislike black people and white people," King said. "But the love I'm talking about teaches you to dislike the evil act, but still love the individual. So we never harbored any hatred against those individuals."

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: I've Been to the Mountain Top." The statue depicts the leader with his arm extended, standing triumphantly on a mountaintop looking to the promised land. It stands in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza, next to the Douglas County Courthouse, 1819 Farnam St.

Alston began working on the statue about a year ago when Fahey secured financial support from the Lozier Foundation. Former Mayor Mike Boyle dedicated the plaza to Dr. King in 1987, but Fahey said many who work near or



## UNO hosts 12 new Afghan teachers

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Features editor

Twelve elementary school teachers from several provinces in Afghanistan have come to the University of Nebraska at Omaha for teacher training. The group plans to attend training workshops to improve their teaching methods, English classes and computer training.

"The women are not just observing but learning how to teach better," said A. Raheem Yasir, assistant director of International Studies and Programs. "They live with host families so that they have complete exposure to American culture."

Many of the women have never flown or let alone been out of their country before, said Thomas Gouttierre, dean of International Studies and Programs.

The teachers range in age from 24 to 43 and teach in smaller schools in their province. Schools in Afghanistan are very different than in the United States, Yasir said. The instructors most often teach in the ruins of destroyed schools with no windows or furniture. In some cases, there are no walls. The school supplies such as pens and pencils are very limited. The class sizes are large ranging from 35 to 50 students. The classes are held in sessions to accommodate the large number of children. Students sit on the floor and not all students are able to have textbooks.

The women stay with host families to get a good sense of American hospitality and culture, said Yasir. Every morning they attend English class from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and computer class from 10 a.m. to noon and then they go to two elementary's with the Omaha Public School District to observe teachers. The two schools participating in the training are Dodge Elementary, 3520 Maplewood Blvd., and Jackson Academy, 620 S. 31<sup>st</sup> St. The group will also visit Scottsbluff, Neb., and Gering, Neb.

While they are at the school they will observe the class, teach part of the lesson, and learn about different approaches of teaching reading and math.

"So far the teachers seem to be very impressed with the teaching methods, classrooms and computers labs," said Yasir.

When the women return to their schools they are asked to share the training they have learned with other teachers. While in the United States the 12 women will visit tourist sites around the country. Some of the stops include Mount Rushmore, the Badlands, and four days spent in Washington D.C., said Yasir. While in D.C. the group will visit national monuments and meet with the people that handle Afghan affairs. Then they will return to Omaha and continue training. The women will be in the United States until May 14.

## Time for a fun-filled summer: Mav Kids Camp

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Mav Kids is a recreational day program for school-aged children. The camp has been in existence for nine summers and is comparable to what other campuses and community day camps offer.

Mav Kids is important to the University of Nebraska at Omaha's campus due to the family structure the campus community offers. There is a total of seven sessions that focus on individual themes for each week. The camp is limited to seven sessions because of the academic schedule and maintenance work in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building.

"The program in general is an excellent program," said Tracy Scott, graduate assistant of youth programs. "It gives the kids a well rounded recreational camp experience instead of focusing on one athletic sport."

The children participate in a structured physical activity lead by a community expert, enrichment presentations, swimming and every Friday the children get to go on a fun field trip.

"Each day there is arts and crafts and an educational classroom activity," said Lisa Adams assistant director of Campus Recreation.

Safety is the camp's biggest concern. Kids have to turn in emergency contact and medical alert information. The camp believes in using the buddy system, which

means that nobody is ever alone. One counselor may be responsible for seven to eight children. If they were to take the children to Elmwood Park or go to eat lunch in the courtyard in front of the student center, they must take another counselor with them.

Mav Kids Camp is funded by the enrollment fees and is not financially subsidized by the university. Enrollment for Mav Kids is limited to 60 children per week. Two-thirds of the children come to camp for three weeks or less.

"Our kids don't experience the 'homesick' issues because they're able to come to a week of camp in a day-time setting, then go home to mom and dad," Adams said.

This year Mav Kids Camp enrollment filled up faster than any other summer.

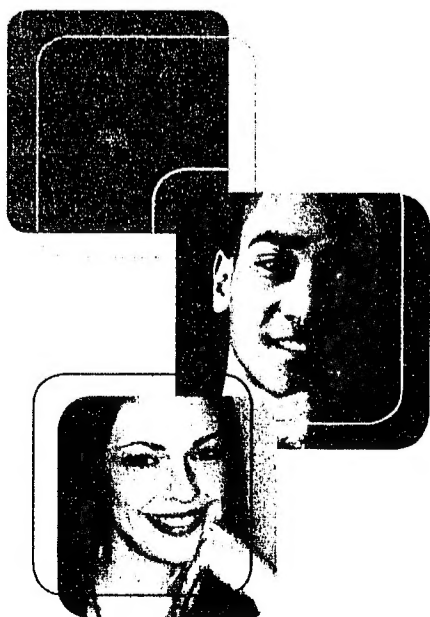
"By the end of March there were no openings, normally there is still openings at the end of April," Adams said.

Adams thought that word of mouth maybe the reason for camp filling up so fast. The children who continue to come every summer probably have friends and younger siblings they have told about camp. Kristin Henderson, program assistant, said it is because camp is so fun.

"I have worked at the camp for four summers. The kids get to know us and they continue to come back," Henderson said. "I like to see the same kids come back. I also like when the kids get to sing and do karaoke."

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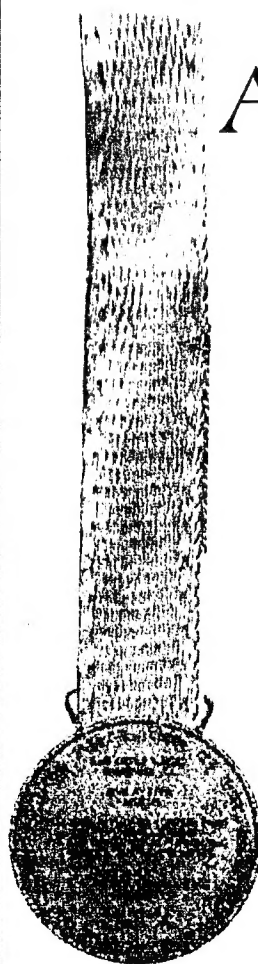
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# Samurai Sam's Teriyaki Grill fails to impress

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In my nearly three years of reviewing restaurants, I hadn't, until recently, come across a place that made me ask, "Why am I here?"

Samurai Sam's, however, made me do exactly that.

I should've known what I was in for it when I saw NFL journeyman and Wood River High School graduate Scott Frost playing the role of commercial pitchman. I saw their commercial once, but it was enough to pique my interest. From what I saw on the commercial, Samurai Sam's reminded me of one of my favorite eateries during my time in Dallas, a place called Yoshi's. As it turned out, though, Samurai Sam's was not only a pale imitation of Yoshi's, but a pale imitation of Japanese food overall.

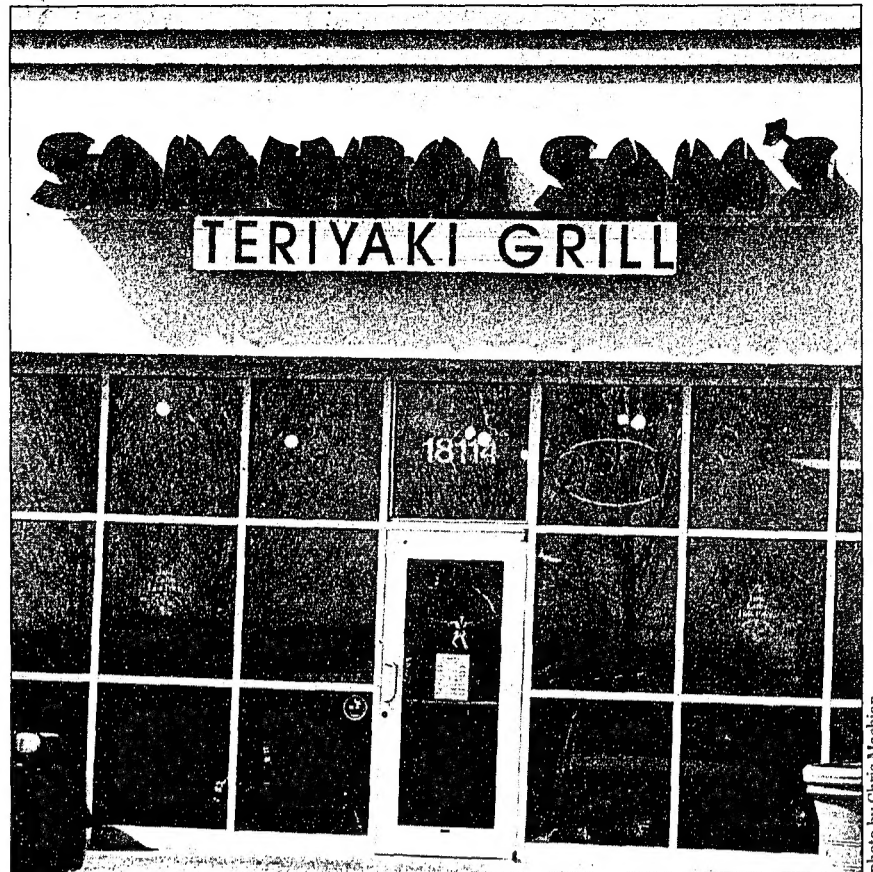
The first drawback about Samurai Sam's is its location, 18114 Wright St. It's a fairly sizeable trek unless you live in the area. The biggest drawback is the food, though, which was, in a word, disappointing. I was fairly hungry when I visited the restaurant, so I went straight for the high end and ordered the "Sumo Bowl" combo. The description of the dish boasted "more char-grilled chicken and steak than you could possibly imagine," but from what I saw, my imagination must be slipping. The bowl's contents were 80 percent rice with an assortment of vegetables, pieces of

chicken and steak and a brownish sauce, which I assumed to be teriyaki. Cold rice, watered down teriyaki sauce and the fact that Alton Brown and I agree that char is not a valid flavoring made this dish instantly forgettable.

My combo meal upgrade brought with it a drink and a "gourmet grilled" egg roll. While I do give Samurai Sam's bonus points for choosing Coke products, the egg roll was dissatisfying. It was limp, soggy and roughly equivalent to the quality of microwaveable instant egg rolls. The lack of quality or taste made it hardly worth the extra cost.

Another problem with Samurai Sam's is the service. I had visited the place twice before I went to review it and every time I found the service to be inattentive and, on occasion, rude. Also of note was the lack of cleanliness. There was construction going on outside the restaurant when I first visited, so I passed. Both times after, though, the construction was completed and yet there was still dirt and garbage on the floor.

Samurai Sam's prices are about what you'd expect for the style of restaurant. My order came to \$10.57, but that's about the most one would ever expect to pay for an individual meal. The restaurant had Cornhusker paraphernalia strewn all around, which is understandable since Sean Wieting, one of Frost's teammates from the 1997 National Championship



Samurai Sam's, 18114 Wright St., offers colorful combos, such as Sumo Bowls.

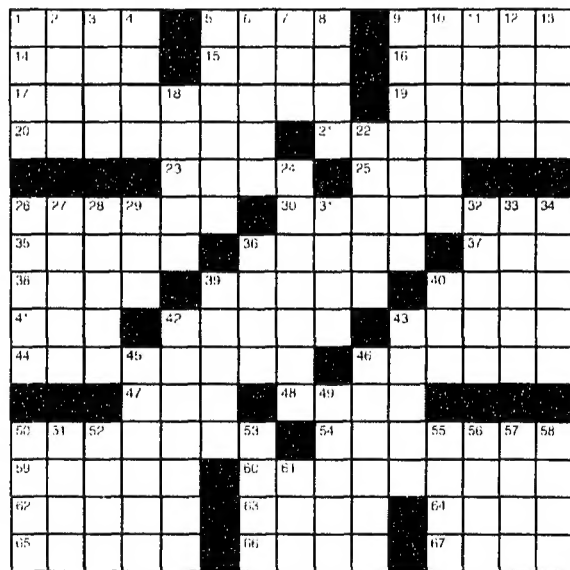
squad, founded the place.

All told, Samurai Sam's is far from impressive. If authentic, flavorful Japanese food is what you're after, there are a number of quality

restaurants around Omaha that can sate your cravings. Samurai Sam's, though, is not one of them.

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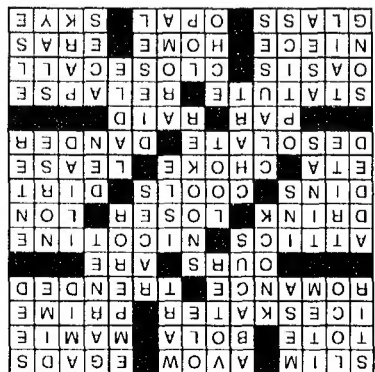
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## Cynics beware, *Laws* makes romance interesting again

REVIEW BY SOMMER LEINBACH

Staff writer

We live in a time where everyone is so cynical and rushed that relationship sparks have to be penciled into our schedules or forgotten. The media don't cover high profile breakups with the same gusto as before, because breakups happen with such regularity in the limelight and in our own lives that it's no longer cover story material. Face it, the new millennium has brought us into a jaded, passionless and hurried world. Goodbye traditional romance, hello speed dating.

The livelihood of the true romance movie has been downgraded to "chick flick" and all but glossed over as a respectable genre. I admit that when I waited patiently for the movie *Laws of Attraction* to begin, I couldn't help but notice my companion and I were two of the only people in the theater under 35 years of age. That's really not very

surprising considering the ages of all the actors in the movie. There are no teen heartthrobs, no charming, heavy-lashed 20-somethings and certainly no edgy, short skirt-wearing girls. Instead, we have Julianne Moore playing Audrey Woods, a classy Manhattan divorce lawyer who has never lost a case, and Pierce Brosnan as Daniel Rafferty, an eccentric and disheveled divorce lawyer who appears positively insane but also has never lost a case. While they are both older than the typical romantic comedy pair, that fact becomes an appealing draw.

Rafferty is deliciously ruffled and positively mad from start to finish. His manipulation skills are artful with his "give with one hand and take away with the other" con. Woods is just as manipulative but her method is far less subtle. Pitted against each other in divorce case after divorce case, they intentionally antagonize each other with clever nuances that only really good writers could come up with. Rafferty appears delighted to play games with Woods, while she gets flustered and furious with each new turn of events. But just under the frustrated surface there's a neurotic attraction that neither of them can ignore.

After a meeting where he subtly convinces her to out-drink him while making it appear as if it were totally her idea, they end up in bed together the morning of their first big. He masterfully trounces her in court by producing her missing panties with his notes written on them, causing her first meltdown and fueling the fire of



Pierce Brosnan and Julianne Moore discover *The Laws of Attraction* in their new film.

revenge.

A huge divorce case comes up that pits Woods and Rafferty against each other once more when Rafferty defends Serena (Parker Posey), the fed up, fashion designing wife of the Sid Vicious-reborn rock star Thorne Jamison (Michael Sheen), defended by Woods. This obviously insane couple makes divorce look loud, painful and exciting. They agree on what assets go to whom with the exception of the fairy tale castle they share in Ireland.

The rest of the movie is pretty predictable in premise. Rafferty and Woods head off to Ireland to depose the staff of the castle so they can decide who most deserves the estate. The two attend a town festival where they get perfectly smashed, wedded and once again in bed together. To save face in the press they keep the charade up so they can get through the trial and then get a divorce. Getting through and getting a divorce will be two of the hardest things either

of them has ever had to do. The big questions? Can they make it through the problems that tear their clients apart? More importantly, do they even want to try?

This movie is smart and the dialogue clever. The writers knew what kind of person they'd want to be attracted to and in really knowing their subject were able to create two characters so charming and believable we spend 80 minutes relating and laughing. The older characters and grown-up jokes take a kitschy premise and give it a kind of fascinating life of its own. *The Laws of Attraction* is sweet and charming and appeals to people who secretly long for a delicious romance.

With a stunning performance by supporting actress Frances Fisher as Woods' youthful mother, and other supporting actors, *Attraction* is a movie that even the most cynical will secretly enjoy, even if they refuse to admit it.



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## CD reviews

RAE LICARI

Entertainment editor

**Aveo  
Battery  
(Barsuk)**

Aveo's sophomore release, *Battery*, is full of dreamy indie-pop songs that lean toward the rock end of the musical spectrum. The 10 tracks from the Seattle-based trio are bursting with melodies, sprinkled with just enough beats to keep your toes happily tapping.

Some tracks ("The Idiot on the Bike," "Hypochondria is Spreading") are fairly uptempo, but for the most part, Aveo keeps things nice and mellow. The songs progress smoothly, giving the album a skillful sense of coherence.

Frontman William Wilson's vocals are heart-wrenchingly sincere, and an excellent complement to the delicate guitars. Overall, the instrumentation meshes together so well you might forget this music is the product of three separate people and not a perfectly complete entity unto itself.

Standout tracks include the undulating "Haley" and the wistful disc opener, "Newton and Galileo."

Bottom line: *Battery* is a great album for those sleepy spring and summer days where everything tends to just drift. Powerful without being

forceful, Aveo's second disc is an excellent listen.

Grade: A

**Jucifer  
War Bird  
(Velocette)**

The Athens, Ga.-based duo Jucifer returns once again with a selection of solid rock on its second EP and fourth release overall, *War Bird*. Of the disc's six tracks, the first five showcase Jucifer's signature style: snarling, heavily distorted guitars; intense, time-shifting drum beats from Edgar Livengood; and Amber Valentine's wispy, soporific vocal drone. The songs tend to meander aimlessly instead of racing along to a specific end destination like standard songs, but that actually enhances the instrumentation rather than detracts from it, as might be expected.

The sixth track, the acoustic "My Stars," breaks from Jucifer's norm, as it resembles more of a traditional country-folk-bluegrass jam. This is where Valentine's vocals really shine, as they're allowed to take center stage instead of being overshadowed by the hefty instruments.

There's also an uncredited, untitled seventh track, which is just 45-plus minutes of ambient noise. I wonder exactly what artistic

statement the duo intends to make by filling three-fourths of the album's total running time with sounds other than music; it just seems so superfluous.

Bottom line: Valentine's light, airy vocals contrast perfectly with the heavy instruments, giving Jucifer an attractively stripped-down sound. *War Bird* is right on par with Jucifer's past releases, and shows promise of more good things to come from the band.

Grade: A-

**The Von Bondies  
Pawn Shoppe Heart  
(Sire)**

If you're a fan of hip-shaking, hand-clapping, fist-pumping punkish garage rock, get thee to a music store

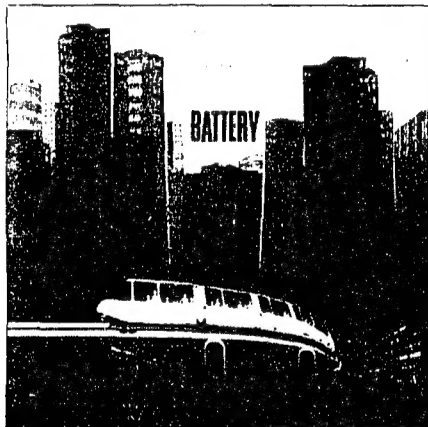
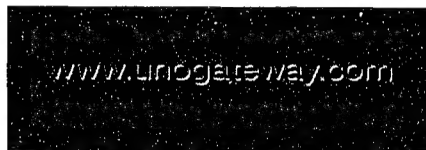
immediately and pick up a copy of the Von Bondies' most recent album, *Pawn Shoppe Heart*, 'cause you're going to love it.

The album fastens itself in your ears immediately, with disc opener "No Regrets," where the beats stomp furiously, the guitars riff ruggedly and frontman Jason Stollsteimer wails "you really haven't lived life yet if you ain't got no regrets." The sonic pattern continues on throughout the album, from the single "C'mon C'mon" to "Been Swank" and all the way to the disc's closing title track.

Stollsteimer's voice is powerful and varied, taking the listener on a rollercoaster ride of emotions. While many of the disc's dozen songs have a similar sound, the band switches up the tempos just enough to keep things from becoming boring.

Bottom line: *Pawn Shoppe* has a lot of heart and soul, unlike the music of other neo-garage acts such as the Strokes. If you enjoy the likes of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs or the White Stripes (with whom the Von Bondies have a bit of a sketchy past), chances are you'll find a friendly ear for the Von Bondies.

Grade: A



## Horoscopes

PREDICTIONS BY MADAME ZORA

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)

What seems like a good idea during finals week is probably illegal in at least three states, Taurus.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20)

In a radical drive for conversion this week, the Pope beatifies you and the metro Omaha area.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 23)

When preparing your English final this week, Cancer, remember this sage wisdom from a pro: it's all about sex.

**Leo** (July 24-Aug. 22)

If you graduate without ever using the word *heteroglossia* in every day sentences, Leo, you aren't trying hard enough.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Fear, panic, performance anxiety. Finals prepare you for the joys of marriage.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

It's finals week! Something's got to be rabid on campus. If not, remedy that, Libra.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Denial is a valuable skill to cultivate, Sagittarius. It will serve you well.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

There's nothing that can't be fixed by vodka and zombies, Capricorn. Mark my words: vodka and zombies.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

If bacteria-like organisms can survive in lava, Aquarius, you can stand a little sunshine.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)

Bloody revenge isn't nearly as fun without the special effects, Pisces. Take my word for it.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19)

You are anxiously awaiting a dissociative experience.



## Shorties brings infant's-eye-view to standup comedy series

ANGIE PECK

Staff writer

Imagine taking some of the best standup comics, animating their best bits, adding in two cute yet rude 14-month-olds' opinions, then turning it into a half-hour series. Well, imagine no more; Comedy Central's new series *Shorties Watching Shorties* does just that.

Hoping to do what videos did for music, *Shorties* puts a whole new twist on watching standup comedy. The original half-hour series stars two potty-mouthed, overly sophisticated 14-month-olds, Nick and Patrice, voiced by comedians Nick DiPaolo and Patrice O'Neal. The babysitter is uninterested in them and allows the television to become their primary babysitter. The two rude but cute infants end up watching animated interpretations of standup performance from comedians, ranging from Bobcat Goldthwait to Janeane Garofalo.

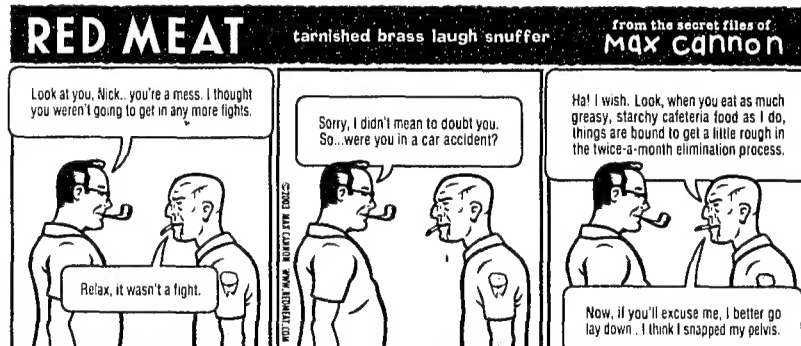
The series was created by Jim Serpico, Tom Sellitti, and animator Eric Brown. Standup comic and actor Dennis Leary, along with Serpico, executive produces the series. *Shorties* premieres

Wednesday, April 28 at 9:30 p.m. on Comedy Central.

Anyone who enjoys watching standup comedy should definitely enjoy this Apostle original series. The cartoon depictions add a new visual humor layer to watching standup comedy. Brown does a great job taking the ideas expressed by the comic and making them visually stimulating to the watcher. Patrice and Nick add additional laughs between some of the comic shorts by expressing a baby's take on the issues the comics are discussing.

The topics covered range from girls and cake to cheating on your girlfriend and bellbottoms. Comics featured in the first season of *Shorties* include Richard Belzer, Lewis Black, Dane Cook, Adam Ferrara, Gilbert Gottfried, Richard Jeni, Denis Leary, Jay Mohr, Patton Oswalt, Colin Quinn. Each episode will feature approximately 10 standup comics.

*Shorties Watching Shorties* is unlike any other series Comedy Central has taken on. It will surely do standup comedy a great service by giving the viewer a humorous visual representation of some of the best shorts from standup comics.





## Mavs among top competitors at soggy, cold Drake Relays

THOMAS LAMAY  
Staff writer

UNO's 400 and 1600-meter relay teams and Foluso Makinde, faced heavy rains and chilly temperatures at Saturday's Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa.

"Friday, it was 65 degrees and sunny...what happened?" said Ashley Freeman after her leg in the 400-meter relay.

About 18,000 spectators braved the weather conditions Saturday to watch "America's Athletic Classic," which invites elite athletes from around the world.

During preliminary rounds on Friday, Mandy Neneman raced in her specialty, the 100-meter hurdles. Neneman, who was invited to the race, competed against more than 20 Division I athletes, and had a strong showing in a tough heat. Her

time of 14.69 seconds was 1.5 seconds off Alabama's Beau Walker, who won the final on Saturday. The 400 and 1600-meter relays qualified for the finals on Saturday.

Just before the 400-meter relay final on Saturday, the rain started to come down harder. Laverne Monger, Freeman, Laura Gass and Sarah Menghini were huddled under a shelter before the race. UNO finished a strong fourth place in front of North Central Conference rival South Dakota. The race was a preview of what the Mavericks may see at the Division II Nationals in June. Lincoln, Lewis, South Dakota and Emporia State are among the top Division II 400-meter teams that also qualified to the finals.

"It felt like I was running in the shower," said Laura Gass after the race. The 400-meter team takes aim at a NCC title in

Fargo, N.D. on May 8.

Foluso Makinde placed fourth in the long jump. Her jump of 18-4.05 was better than 12 Division I jumpers.

In the 1600-meter relay, the team of Menghini, Gass, Mahan, and Freeman had a strong showing for another fourth place finish. The race was also a preview to the conference meet, setting up an interesting battle with North Dakota State.

Those not invited to Drake competed at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational in Lincoln. Kellie Ryan took the 5000-meter title in a time of 18:11. Molly Miller improved her perfect record in the 3000-meter steeplechase finishing 10 seconds in front of her competition.

The Mavs next travel to the Howard Wood Relays in Sioux Falls, S.D. this weekend.

## Three Mavs crowned first, team takes second

J. PARKER ADAIR

Sports editor

Two years ago, Shannon Dinovo became UNO's first North Central Conference tennis finalist. Saturday, she became UNO's first NCC champion with a win at No. 6 singles. Just minutes later, she was joined by Abbey Wilson, who took first at No. 5 singles.

Wilson later completed the double by winning No. 3 doubles with Mikaila Spaulding.

The Mavericks, who hosted the NCC tournament, finished second in the two-day tournament held at Hanscom Park Tennis Center. Defending Champion North Dakota repeated, edging UNO 58-52. St. Cloud State finished third with 45 points.

Wilson took her opening set 6-2 against Hana Bloomberg of North Dakota, but fell 6-1 in the second set. She came back to win the decider 6-2. Following her singles win, Wilson joined Spaulding as unseeded long shots for the No. 3 doubles title. The two went through a tough team from SCSU 8-4 to reach the finals.

Spaulding had placed third in every NCC tournament she'd entered, and now had her shot at going out on top. The tandem fell behind early to the UND team, but battled back to tie it at seven. Spaulding/Wilson won the next two points and the title.

Pam Le and Maggie Russell finished third in No. 1 doubles as Russell battled through consolations to take fifth at No. 4 singles. Lindsay Henjum and Sarah Huls advanced to the finals of No. 2 doubles, but fell to North Dakota. Huls snagged second in No. 2 singles for the second time in as many years, and Henjum grabbed second at No. 3 singles.

Sara Batchelor finished third with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Augustana's Melanie Feehan at No. 1.

UNO took three titles while UND snagged the other six, repeating as champions. The Fighting Sioux won three of the five head-to-head finals with UNO, helping them secure the tournament and the automatic NCAA tournament berth that goes with it.

UNO is third in the latest NCAA North Central Region ranking. They will wait until tomorrow's announcement to find out where they will be playing the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament. The top two teams in each region host the May 7-9 tournament.

## Skimming the sports page

It's been a long time—one year, six months and two days in fact—since the last look around the headlines of the sports page. With just days left in the school year, who has time to read every article and watch all nine daily episodes of Sports Center? Me. For you, I make that sacrifice to bring you a skim of the sports page.

### Baseball:

The Red Sox and Yankees hate each other. That kind of "you ran over my dog, stole my girlfriend and set my house on fire" kind of hatred they only talk about in country songs. Since Aaron Boone hit that walk-off home run to end the Red Sox season, and after losing Alex Rodriguez to them in the off season, the boys from Beantown have refused to let the Yanks get the best of them. They have now dropped only one game to New York this season.

San Diego has made a Bonds-proof ballpark. PetCo Park opened up in San Diego this month, and Barry Bonds—along with most of Major League Baseball—has yet to hit a homer there. It's a rare pitchers' park, and is a nice way of getting fans to see their hot young team contend for a division title.

Dontrelle Willis is the next Babe Ruth. The Marlins lefty pitcher has given up no earned runs and has gone 6 for 9 batting as of Sunday afternoon.

A year ago, the Tigers fell one loss shy of the all-time worst record in MLB history. Now, they have double-digit wins thanks to smart off-season moves. Among those was the acquisition of Pudge Rodriguez who helped build the Marlins pitching staff. Pudge is a great addition and should help the young pitchers become contenders later in their careers.

Speaking of crappy teams, anyone wishing to drop off a sympathy card to this Mets fan can bring it to *The Gateway*

Parker Adair



Can't Lose

office. I've been seeing a counselor. He's a longtime Cubs fan advising me to "Wait 'til next year."

### Football:

Eli Manning was the first pick in the NFL draft, by the San Diego Chargers. His dad, Archie, made the family look like the Jugheads of the draft by saying that his son would never play for the Chargers. San Diego traded him to the New York Giants for a better deal, and the quarterback they wanted anyway.

By trading down a spot, the Detroit Lions gained another first-round pick, and were able to give Joey Harrington some weapons. Mark my words, Detroit wins both the NFC North and A.I. Central in the next three years.

On a somber note, NFL safety-turned-Army Ranger Pat Tillman was killed in a firefight in Afghanistan. The sports world has been put in perspective by one man who represents the thousands that give up their own lives to save ours.

### Soccer:

Freddy Adu scored his first goal in Major League Soccer. The 14-year-old has been labeled the savior of soccer. However, most people haven't seen my nine-year old phenom brother who also

scored his first goal. This one was against the overpowering talent that is YMCA soccer.

### Hockey:

Calgary advanced as a sixth seed in the National Hockey League playoffs. Hey, I thought they played in Atlanta. Maybe I've been listening too much to the Retro channel and purchasing too many throwback jerseys.

I've got a year to re-aquaint myself with the NHL, because next season there won't be one.

### Basketball:

The National Basketball Association started its playoffs. With the current format, first-round series may end up taking 17 days. By the time the playoffs are over, Karl Malone will have received three issues of his AARP magazine.

LeBron James showed up to Denver's first home playoff game wearing a Carmelo Anthony jersey. While James didn't make the playoffs, his team gets back into the "unrigged" NBA lottery.

### This week's sports sign of the ridiculous:

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays are ahead of the Yankees in the AL East. In all, 18 teams are ahead of the Yankees. Start the playoffs now!

### Lock of the week:

The Yankees won't finish that terrible. The Timberwolves will finally get out of the first round of NBA playoffs. Going out on a limb, Calgary drops Detroit from the playoffs on the coat tails of Miikka Kiprusoff much like Anaheim did with Jean-Sebastien Giguere a year ago. "Getting Kippy with it" will not be as fun as "Getting Jiggy with it."

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### Tues., April 27th

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7:30 am College of Education  
9 am Ambassador Interviews  
9 am Dramatic Arts  
11 am Hispanic Advisory Cabinet  
11 am Music Department  
11 am Asian American Cultural Society  
11 am Maverick Radio  
12 noon HUD Luncheon/Seminar  
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance  
12:30 pm AKD Senior Thesis Luncheon  
2 pm Service Learning  
3:30 pm Orientation  
5:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
6 pm Christ on Campus  
6 pm King Science Center  
6:30 pm Alpha Xi Delta  
7:30 pm Lambda Theta Nu

### Wed., April 28th

7 am Campus Crusade  
11 am Music Department  
11:30 am Campus Crusade  
11:30 am Golden Key  
11:30 pm College of Education  
Committees Luncheon  
12 noon African American Organization  
12 noon ALAS  
12 noon Stephenson Interns  
12 noon Illuno  
12 noon SPO Board  
1 pm ESL Student Teaching

2 pm Advanced Education Counselors  
2 pm Academic & Curricular Affairs  
2:30 pm SPSC  
2:30 pm Faculty Personnel & Welfare  
3 pm Campus Crusade  
5 pm Theta Chi

### Thurs., April 29th

10 am Consider This . . .  
11 am Music Department  
12 noon Council of Chairs  
1 pm SHAC  
3:30 pm Orientation  
4 pm Panhellenic  
5 pm Zeta Tau Alpha  
5:30 pm Christ on Campus  
5:30 pm Brooks Lecture Dinner  
7:30 pm Jazz Band Concert

### Fri., April 30th

11:30 am Women's Studies Luncheon  
12 noon AA  
12 noon First Year Experience  
12 noon Interfraternity Council  
1:30 pm Psi Chi Honor Society  
2 pm Judicial Board  
2 pm Retirees Reception  
2:30 pm CPACS Faculty Meeting  
4 pm Student Teacher Orientation

### Sat., May 1st

8 am Sigma Kappa  
9 am Economic Mini Society Fair  
8 pm Burke High School

### Sun., May 2nd

12 noon Metro Peace & Justice Expo  
2 pm Phi Beta Sigma  
2:30 pm Delta Sigma Theta Sorority  
5 pm ROSAS  
5:30 pm Lambda Chi Alpha  
6:30 pm Theta Chi

### Mon., May 3rd

12 noon AA  
12 noon Master Success  
12 noon Cultural Awareness Programs  
12 noon Stephenson Luncheon  
3 pm Faculty Senate  
4 pm Dual Enrollment  
6:30 pm Kappa Delta Pi

### Tues., May 4th

9 am SAC Exec. Council  
9:30 am Goodrich Faculty Retreat  
10 am Child Care Graduation  
11 am Asian American Cultural Society  
12 noon Goodrich Faculty Retreat  
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance  
12 noon Faculty Retreat  
7:30 pm Lambda Theta Nu

### Wed., May 5th

7 am Campus Crusade  
9 am Hort 2660 Landscape Design Presentation

9 am Graduate Program for Public Admin.

11 am Child Care Graduation  
11:45 am Women's Studies  
12 noon EPAC Luncheon  
12 noon ALAS  
12 noon Illuno  
12 noon SPO Board  
12:30 pm Tom Gouttierre Presentation  
2 pm Faculty Senate  
3 pm CCSW

### Thurs., May 6th

8:30 am Teacher Candidate Admission Orientation  
10 am Consider This . . .  
11 am University Supervisor's Luncheon  
2 pm International Studies Graduation  
4 pm Panhellenic  
5:30 pm Christ on Campus  
7:30 pm Criminal Justice Students

### Fri., May 7th

9 am Non-Profit Assoc. Volunteer Support  
11:30 am Commencement Luncheon  
12 noon African American Org.  
12 noon AA  
12 noon Non-Profit Assoc. Volunteer Support  
12 noon Interfraternity Council  
2 pm Judicial Board

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